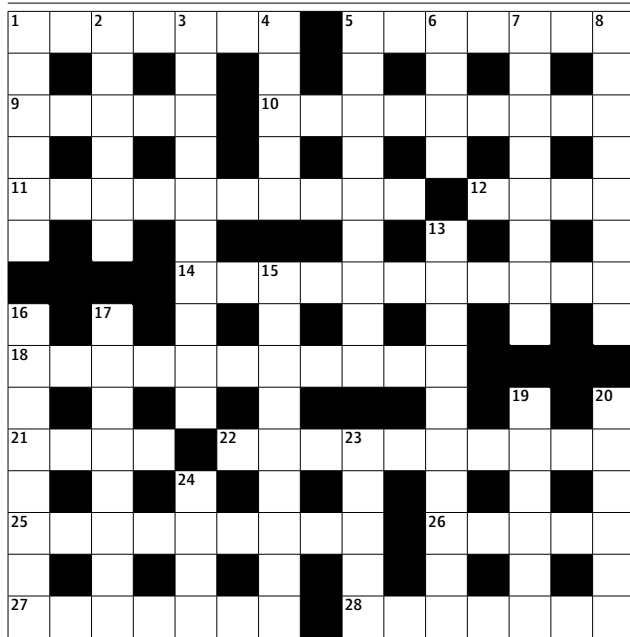


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Across

- 1,27** 23's work broadcast by name, for love trebly complicated (1,4,2,4,3)
5 23's work for setter (7)
9 See 12
10 Languor shown by celebrity dog around the house, or not (9)
11 See 26
12,9 Rolling stock with old tat possibly kept in mind (4,5)
14 Abomination of clans aiming for Sassenach religious principles? (11)
18 Artist filling glass with contrived clue, not entirely funny (4,7)
21 Crafty hint involving a minimum of tact (4)
22 Tool hit me, breaking instrument in half (4,6)
25 Very high ground is almost covering island (9)
26,11 23's work, little one: entering climax, conclusion of novel hard to follow, where 23 ended (2,3,10)
27 See 1

- 28** Cross about assent of parliament, went briefly on the attack (7)

Down

- 1** Old king is a real help on the water, say? (6)
2 Second of colours on the spectrum (6)
3 RC vessel taking RC's name, not surprisingly (10)
4 Edge cut in 9" sheet (5)

- 5** Youngster not quite standing with sitting fetish (9)
6 Retreat with ability, but no leadership (4)
7 In the end, surgeon has treated serious 5 down (8)
8 Further work apparent, I'm heading for exit (8)
13 Y chromosome the culprit? (10)
15 Lookin' to preserve fuel, petrol finally having gone up a huge amount (9)
16 Image in jazz then nothing like notes from a bouncing violin bow (8)
17 Second name – delicate about it (8)
19 Forger not wanting to be seen around university (6)
20 Familiar nutcracker finally cracking nut (6)
23 Observation from setter capturing heart of free-lance author (5)
24 Capital card game, first couple twisting? (4)

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